



## Olympic National Park Recruitment Opportunity Wilderness Backcountry Internship

### Job Description

Olympic is among the three most popular National Park Service wilderness areas for backpacking.

Wilderness backcountry interns work with backcountry rangers to ensure visitor compliance with park regulations and maintain popular backcountry areas.

Interns make visitor contacts to check backcountry permits and encourage Leave No Trace wilderness practices. Interns perform routine maintenance on trails (including clearing, brushing, lopping, drainage, tread repair), campsites (picking up trash, cleaning and dismantling fire rings), backcountry ranger stations, bridges, and sanitation structures.

When not in the backcountry, interns will work completing trail reports, filing wilderness logs, and preparing for upcoming projects. Interns work closely with seasonal and permanent rangers to coordinate project work and area coverage.

Interns may also staff a front country visitor contact station which includes staffing the information desk, issuing wilderness permits and bear canisters, providing visitor services and making cash register sales of DYNW materials.

Interns may be involved in emergency medical and/or search and rescue operations per their training and experience.



### Location

Positions are available throughout Olympic National Park including: Quinault, Hoh, Mora, Sol Duc, Elwha, Hurricane, Staircase and Ozette.

### Qualifications

Backpacking experience and good physical condition is required. Interns must be able to hike long distances while carrying supplies and equipment. Ability to verbally communicate with visitors from diverse backgrounds, and to work with minimal supervision and a positive attitude also required. Experience with wilderness medicine (EMT, WFR or WFA) and CPR is desired. A valid driver's license is required for some locations.

### Compensation

Full time interns are eligible for a small stipend and housing. Housing is in shared, bunk-house style residences.

### Training

Interns will attend seasonal training with park staff. Interns may also participate in wildland fire training if desired.

### Internship Dates

Begins May or June and lasts through late August or September. Specific dates are negotiable.

### How to Apply

Interested applicants over 18 can apply online at: [volunteer.gov](https://volunteer.gov)

